GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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CANCER HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of deaths due to cancer is increasing particularly in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up cancer hospitals for research and treatment of this disease during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a)&(b): The number of deaths caused due to Cancer is not centrally available. Based on the cancer mortality observed in the Mumbai Population Based Cancer Registry of Indian Council of Medical Research, the projected number of deaths caused by Cancer in the country is about 4.3 lakhs.

(c)&(d): There is no proposal to set up Cancer Hospital for Research and Treatment during the Tenth Five-Year Plan.However, this Ministry is running National Cancer Control Programme under which assistance is provided for spreading awareness, diagnosis, treatment, research etc. as per details annexed.

ANNEXURE-I

NATIONAL CANCER CONTROL PROGRAMME

There are various schemes for which central assistance is provided to the State Governments/Institutions. The schemes are as under:

Development of Oncology Wing

This scheme is available only for Government Medical Colleges to fill up the geographical gaps in the detection and treatment of cancer in the country. Financial assistance up to Rs.2.00 crores can be provided to an Institute under the scheme for purchase of listed equipments. This is a one-time grant.

Setting up of Cobalt Therapy Unit

Financial assistance up to Rs.1.50 crore is provided to State Government for setting up of Cobalt Therapy Unit in Government institutions. This is a one-time grant.

An amount of Rs.1.00 crore is also provided for Cobalt Therapy Unit to the Non-Governmental Organisations on the specific recommendations of the State Government. This is a one-time grant.

Voluntary Organisation Scheme

The scheme up to Rs.5.00 lakhs is provided to the Voluntary Organisations for undertaking health education and early detection activities in cancer on the specific recommendations of the State Government.

District Cancer Control Programme

A scheme for district project (duration-five years) for health education, detection and pain relief measures under National Cancer Control Programme was initiated during the year 1990-91. In this scheme, financial assistance of Rs.15.00 lakhs is provided to the State Government/UT administration for each district selected under the shceme with a provision of Rs.10.00 lakhs per annum for each district for the remaining four years of the project period. After five years, the project is to be taken over by the State Government.

Regional Cancer Centres

This Ministry has recognized 17 Regional Cancer Centres in different States and an amount of Rs.75.00 lakhs annually is provided for procurement of equipment for development of the Institution. These RCCs extend treatment facilities and conduct research in the field of cancer.